GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5996
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DERAILMENT AT KALAHASTI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a derailment at Kalahasti in Andhra Pradesh on march 13, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether traffic is being disrupted by such frequent derailments

(d) if so, whether even slow moving trains are getting derailed;

(e) if so, whether the existing tracks have deteriorated rapidly; and

(f) the steps proposed to reduce the number of derailments in Andhra Pradesh ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 4 wagons of empty Jet goods derailed at about 17.20 hrs. on 13.03.2000 between Kalahasti and Yellakaru stations on Gudur-Renigunta-Tirupathy section of Guntakal Division.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir. Even slow moving trains sometimes get derailed.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The following important steps have been taken :-

(i) Safety activities such as inspections, surprise checks, ambush checks, etc. have been intensified and are being monitored at all levels.

(ii) Vulnerable areas such as track and wagon, etc. requiring attention are being attended systematically.

(iii) Safety drives are being ordered regularly based on the feed back obtained from the accident inquiries.

(iv) Checks on stations are carried out to pin point lacunae in the working and to curb use of shortcut methods.